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Attention: Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents

Please find attached Re: 10/037,982

Attorney Docket No. PD-970358A

- > Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate)
- > Petition for One Month Extension of Time (in duplicate)
- > Amendment & Replacement Drawings in Response of PTO Action of 6-26-2006

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Feng-Wen Sun, et al. : Date: October 4, 2006  
 Serial No.: 10/037,982 : Group Art Unit: 2616  
 Filed: January 3, 2002 :  
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING DATA FOR : Examiner: Jay P. Patel  
 TRANSMISSION IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM :

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant acknowledges that **a one month extension of time is required** to respond to the Office Action dated June 26, 2006. A petition for one month extension of time is hereby enclosed.

☒ Additional fee for claims is required.

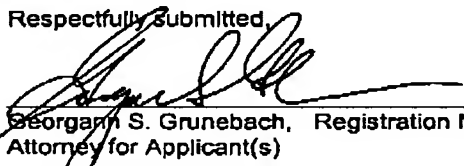
☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

		CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	21 minus	20*	= 1	x	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus	3*	= **1	x	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				x	\$ 360.00	\$ -0-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$ 250.00	

\*\*1 - In reviewing previous preliminary amendment filed February 26, 2002, applicant miscalculated the Independent Claims Fee; therefore, the fee for one extra independent claim is hereby requested to be charged to applicant's deposit account as indicated.

Charge \$ 250.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc., El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. *This transmittal is submitted in duplicate.*

Respectfully submitted,

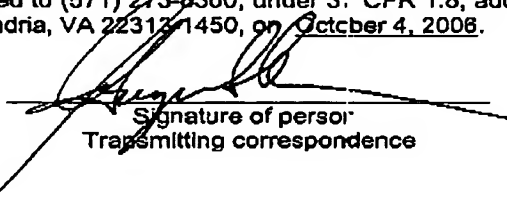
  
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